

Summary of Captured al Qaeda Document

Document captured on 5 March near Balad

Author: An al Qaeda Iraq Leader named Abu Safyan, probably from Diyala Province

Intended recipient: Abu Ayyoub al-Masri, the overall Emir for al Qaeda Iraq

- The document covers the following topics: infiltration of the enemy, how to organize al Qaeda cells, waging economic war in Iraq, conducting chemical and biological weapon attacks, intelligence and the war of deception, media war, Islamic and media indoctrination, the defense of al Qaeda areas, unresolved obstacles to success, fighting the Awakening movement, and the benefits of using the proposed strategy.
- A goal of the strategy is to instigate conflict between the Awakening Groups, the Shi'a and Kurds... "We will work against them and attack them as they fight among themselves."
- The author of this document states al Qaeda leadership should consider carrying out the following agenda in Iraq:
 - Infiltrate "the enemy"... must try to win trust of the government and security forces so attacks can be done later... the document later demonstrates that the Awakening Groups are a primary threat to al Qaeda in Iraq.
 - Cells should be divided up into a sniper group, security group that do assassinations, and a martyr group... each with their own Emir who answers to the Cell Emir... the document later refers to using an explosives group to plant car and roadside bombs.
 - Attack the government of Iraq economically... should attack gas and oil fields, pipelines, tankers, electric stations and power lines.
 - Dispense nitric acid or bacteria into the enemy's water pipelines and lakes... the goal of this to create fear and exhaust the Government of Iraq and its allies.
 - Disseminate false information about Iraqi soldiers and the Awakening movement so the Government of Iraq will lose confidence in own troops and allies.
 - Conduct a media/propaganda war focused on the Awakening... the propaganda should show Awakening crimes, misbehavior, and corruption.
 - Bring in foreign al Qaeda terrorists that have an extreme interpretation of the Sharia to explain to the Iraqis why al Qaeda is conducting terrorist attacks.
 - Infiltrate the Awakening and then conduct attacks against the Shi'a... infiltrate the Shi'a and conduct attacks against the Awakening... this will create conflict between the two groups.
 - Instigate hostility between the Coalition Forces, puppet governments, Shi'a, and Awakening groups.

In the author's own words:

- "We must always leave the enemy in psychological conflict" and "they can never have stability so they keep busy among themselves and will not ALL unite against us."
- Al Qaeda must "attempt to place this country in security chaos and in conflict between the Shia enemy, the Ba'athists, and the Americans."